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1. Economic.

The Sopron Iron Works (Soproni Vasárutgyár) is situated at either 6 or 8, Agfalvai ut, Sopron. As it was a German concern, this plant was requisitioned by the Russians and only handed over to the Hungarian Government in the fall of 1952. Soviet engineers are still employed there and two, wearing civilian clothes, work in the factory administration office.

2. Personalities.

a. István Varga	Factory Manager
b. László Horváth	Party Secretary
c. Endre Nagyzsádányi	Chief Engineer
d. Sándor or Nándor Nabel	Foundry Manager
e. József Zákony	Foremen at the foundry
f. Nándor Paczer	" " " "

3. Labor Force.

There are some 500 employees working in day and night shifts. The night shift consists of about 150 men.

4. Foundry.

- a. It is equipped with the following:
- 1.) Four coke-burning cupola furnaces (capacity 600 tons)
 - 2.) One coke-burning cupola furnace (capacity 800 tons)
 - 3.) One electric cupola furnace for smelting material for bolts.
- b. The foundry works mainly for the Rákosi Works, Csepel, and also supplies a subsidiary firm, the Locksmith's Works Lakatosárutgyár at Csengeri ut, Sopron.

5. Turnery.

- a. The workshop is equipped as follows:
- 1.) Five lathes
 - 2.) Two large planes
 - 3.) One medium plane
 - 4.) One small plane

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- 5.) Two "Universal" milling machines
6.) One "Universal" drill
7.) One cylinder drill
8.) Two saws

b. The shop is principally engaged on the manufacture of brake cylinders for railroad cars and (?) housings for railroad-car axles. These are delivered to Mavag, Budapest, the Pieck Factory at Gyor, and also to the Hungarian State Railways (MAV) direct. Material is delivered by rail from Diósgyor, Ózd and from Csepel-Budapest. Scrap metal deliveries are believed to have come from the Sopron-Csorna area.

c. [redacted] Hungarian Army engineer officers visited the shop twice, in November and December 1952, when they inspected special iron rods which were presumably intended for military equipment.

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